

# Standard 5 Paragraph Essay

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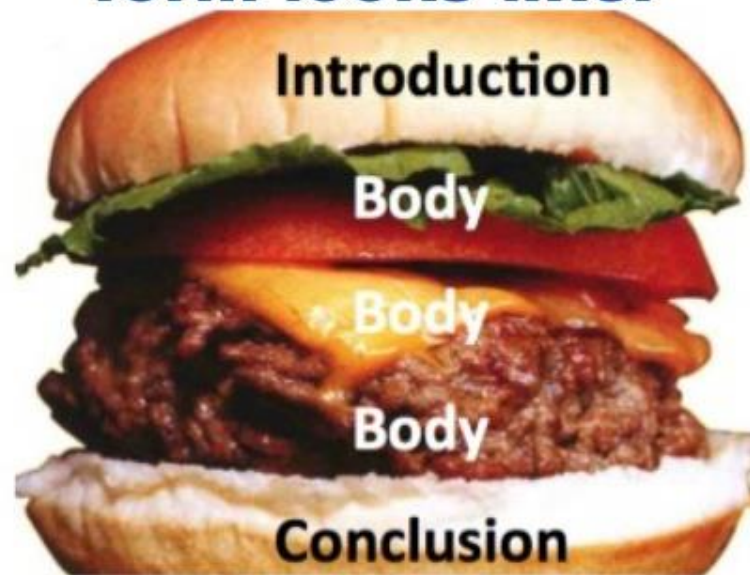
*An easy outline format to follow*



# 5 paragraphs- the basic essay

1. Introduction
2. Body #1
3. Body #2
4. Body #3
5. Conclusion

**The five paragraph essay form looks like:**



**This form is sometimes called  
“hamburger writing”**

# What's so important about the Introduction?



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- It indicates the topic of the essay
  - It gives an idea of the essay's organization
  - It establishes the tone of the essay
  - It provides background on the topic's importance
  - It provides a CLEAR statement of the essay's intended purpose in...

... THE THESIS STATEMENT!



# Example

## Body Paragraph



Topic Sentence

One of the first people I met was Joe Frieda. I first met Joe standing in a line at the bookstore. I was having a difficult time finding the books for the English classes I was taking my first semester here. He not only helped me find my books, but he also gave me some good advice on where to get tutorial help on campus and where I could find some good restaurants. We've become better friends since then and he has been so helpful in answering any questions I have about going to school in the U.S. and about American culture. If I hadn't met Joe that day, I might still be looking for the right books for my classes!

Concluding Sentence

Supporting Sentences



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## Sample Conclusion

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The themes of fear and danger are conveyed through the use of literary elements in Richard Connell's *The Most Dangerous Game*.

Foreshadowing, imagery and irony are all used to create the mood and develop the suspenseful plot in a way that is entertaining to the reader. Using these literary devices, Connell draws the reader in and keeps the pages turning through to the ending. He shows that the use of these devices is essential for telling an interesting story.

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# Outline

## I. Introduction

- A. Attention grabber
- B. Main points
- C. Thesis

## II. Body paragraph 1

- A. Transition
- B. Topic sentence- point #1
- C. Supporting Details (at least 3)
- D. Concluding sentence

## III. Body paragraph 2

- A. Transition
- B. Topic Sentence- Point #2

- C. Supporting details (at least 3)

- D. Concluding sentence

## IV. Body paragraph 3

- A. Transition
- B. Topic sentence- Point #3
- C. Supporting details (at least 3)
- D. Concluding sentence

## V. Conclusion

- A. Restate thesis
- B. Summarize main points
- C. Tie it to the intro

## Your Turn!

Create an outline for one of the following prompts:

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1. Think about the different jobs that people have that could be considered difficult or demanding. Now, select a career that you think would be the most challenging and explain your choice.
2. Think about the advantages and disadvantages of being at a school with no peers of the opposite sex. Now write to explain why you would or would not want to attend such a school.
3. Think of the negative and positive effects of video games. Now write to explain whether video games have good or bad effects on teenagers.
4. Think of the effects of using the cell phone while driving on the quality of driving and the safety of the driver and the people around him or her. Now write to explain whether using the cell phone while driving should be legal or illegal.